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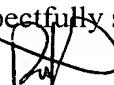
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 27, 2003, Applicant hereby elects with traverse, Group 2, claims 6-9. All the claims in the application involve related subject matter, e.g., human ANH401. A search would therefore comprise overlapping subject matter, and it would not be an undue burden on the Examiner to carry out a search. "If search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner *must* examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct invention." (Emphasis added.) M.P.E.P. 803. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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